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1. Per the Examiner's Request, attached herewith is another set of copies of the references cited in Applicants' IDS of July 8, 1999. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorneys for Applicants hereby bring the attached references to the attention of the Examiner. These references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.
2. No fee is believed to be required upon submission of this information disclosure statement because a first Official Action in this continuation application has not yet been received. However, should it be determined that a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fee to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed for charging purposes.
3. Applicants also thank the Examiner for his helpful assistance in locating the afore-referenced application file at the Patent Office.

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